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## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTABLISHING AND USING A SECURE CREDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### BACKGROUND

#### ***Related Applications:***

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application 10/231,194 entitled *Apparatus And Methods For Providing Secured Communication*, by Balfanz, Smetters, Stewart, and Swinehart, filed 8/30/2002 and incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

[0002] This application claims benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application 60/480,909 filed 06/24/2003, entitled “*Method and Apparatus For Establishing And Using A Secure Credential Infrastructure*” with inventors Smetters, Balfanz, Durfee, Grinter, Stewart, Hao-and Wong hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

[0003] This application is related to:

[0004] United States Patent Application 10/656 494 entitled “*Method, Apparatus, and Program Product for Automatically Provisioning Secure Network Elements*” filed concurrently herewith, with the same inventors, applicant docket number D/A2124II.

[0005] United States Patent Application 10/656 551 entitled “*Method, Apparatus, and Program Product for Provisioning Secure Wireless Sensors*” filed concurrently herewith, with the same inventors, applicant docket number D/A3162Q.

[0006] United States Patent Application 10/656 439 entitled “*Method, Apparatus, and Program Product for Securely Presenting Situation Information*” filed concurrently herewith, with the same inventors, applicant docket number D/A3162.